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1. From 29 to 23 August 1951, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Most of the troops were recruits. Ten units of about 120 men each were observed doing morning callisthenics. Several units of 80 to 120 men were seen leaving the installation for the Goerden artillery range. Vehicles identified at the installation were

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2. On 24 August, the Flak Kaserne still quartered only a rear unit of about 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The work on the barracks buildings on Vereinsstrasse had been virtually completed. Straw was being hauled to the billeting area, and soldiers were policing the quarters. Vehicles observed

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3. On 24 August, the Infanterie Kaserne quartered 300 to 400 recruits, who were engaged exclusively in basic training. (3)

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4. On 24 August, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 600 troops. Three caterpillar tractors, each towing a 122-mm artillery piece and a trailer carrying 2 officers, 5 or 6 NCOs and 40 recruits, entered the installation. Trucks were also identified there. (1)

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5. On 22 August, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by only a guard unit. Continual watch was kept from a small wooden platform on top of one of the barracks buildings. An AT gun of about 75-mm was parked in the barracks yard. (2)

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6. On 27 August, air force and army officers and men were observed in the Pionier Kaserne. The western edge of the plant area of the Arado Werke was criss-crossed by tank treads. Two T-34/85 tanks and one four-wheel armored reconnaissance car were parked under canvas covers in the vicinity of the brickyard. (4)

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- 25X1A (1) Source of paragraph 1 reported that the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne quartered about 1,000 troops, primarily recruits, on 3 August 1951. See [REDACTED]. This figure approximates the strength estimate given in paragraph 4 of the present report and appears credible. The vehicle 25X1X [REDACTED] mentioned in the present report belong to components of the 6th Arty Div.
- 25X1A (2) The sources of paragraph 2 and 5 confirm previous information on the occupation of the Flak Kaserne. See [REDACTED]. The vehicle 25X1X [REDACTED] mentioned in the present report are assigned primarily to the unidentified AT Arty Brig, possibly the 3d Gds, of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and to supplementary series of the Third Shock Army.
- 25X1A (3) The information indicates no change with regard to the occupation of the Infanterie Kaserne since the last report by the same source. See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- 25X1A (4) The 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div, which is carried in the Pioneer Kaserne, is believed to have been at Letzling Heath as of 24 August. See [REDACTED]. The present report indicates the possibility that a training unit of the regiment may be located in the Pioneer Kaserne now.

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